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1. Deliveries of bearings are being made to Polish shipyards at Szczecin and Gdansk. Bearings are also manufactured to Polish specifications for an engine repair works in Warsaw. The designs are after Soviet and American models. About 2,000 bearings of this type were delivered in March 1954. Total deliveries to Poland in March amounted to 8,000 bearings.
2. About 40,000 rocker and pivot bearings were delivered for the USSR in March 1954.
3. China received chiefly medium heavy conical, roller and spherical bearings with inner diameters up to 10 cm. The ball bearings were mainly for the motor vehicle industry. The entire production for the month of March 1954 amounted to 150,000 roller, spherical and conical bearings.
4. Deliveries to Poland are smaller; Poland reportedly is buying Swedish bearings.
5. In March 6,000 bearings of Swedish steel were delivered to Czechoslovakia.
6. There are material shortages, especially of chrome steel.

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